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My dear Mr. Cary:

I have many times thought of the pleasant hours I spent with you while in London, and have regretted that a sudden change in my plans made it necessary for me to leave without seeing you again. Your kindness to me in the past leads me to hope that you will be willing to give me some assistance now.

American collectors of badges, decorations and historical medals have always been interested in the British General Service Medal with the three clasps - FORT DETROIT, CHATEAUGUAY and CHRYSTLER'S FARM - relating to service in the second American War. Unfortunately, the information in regard to the award of these clasps is somewhat scattered, and I have been endeavoring lately to get it all together under one cover.

In making my researches, I find that Captain George Tancred in his historical record of medals and honorary distinctions, London, 1891, states that the War Office list shows that the Fort Detroit bar was issued to members of the Royal Artillery Forty-first and Forty-ninth Regiment of Foot. We have in our collection at this Museum one of these medals with the Fort Detroit clasp bearing the name of Jacob Weingarten, Teamster, 100th Regiment. Although this regiment is not mentioned by Tancred, as being represented among those to whom the clasp was awarded according to the War Office list, I have learned that it was in Canada at the time; and it seems highly probable that some of its men and, particularly, perhaps those belonging to its wagon train, would be attached to the forces operating around Fort Detroit who were entitled to this clasp.

By the way, this regiment - the 100th H.R.H., the Prince Regent's County of Dublin Regiment of Foot, later became the 99th upon the removal of the Rifle Brigade from the line, and was disbanded about 1817. The fact that Tancred does not mention

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Dear Mr. Cary:

Since writing you the other day, I have run across an item of information which leads me to suppose that the Medal Rolls at the War Office are kept by regiments. If this is the case, would it be possible for me to find what Military General Service medals with any of the three bars relating to the Second American War (Fort Detroit, Chateauguay and Christler's Farm) were issued to members of the 41st, 49th and 89th Regiments of Foot; and, also, to members of the Royal Artillery, together with the names of the recipients.

I wish this information in addition to that which I asked you for in my last letter in regard to the medal issued to a teamster of the former 100th Foot. I have found that one member of the 49th regiment received both the Fort Detroit and the Christler's Farm bar, and I am very anxious to get his name.

I would greatly appreciate any assistance or advice that you can give me in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Assistant to Curator

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